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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application and prior to the substantive examination thereof, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 7 and 8 as follows:

In Claim's, line 1, delete "or 2".

In Claim 7, line 1, delete "or 6".

8. (Amended) The traffic control unit as claimed in [any one of claims 4-7] <u>claim 4</u>, wherein said data consists of ATM cells generated from a radio frame, and said proper period equals a radio frame period.

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